

Henry T Saberson

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NOTABLE DEATHS

HENRY T. SABERSON, former state legislator and superintendent of corporations division in the department of Secretary of State, died in Des Moines, March 28, 1943. Born in Rock county, Wisconsin, November 28, 1851, his parents having come from Norway in 1839, he settled in northwest Iowa in 1875 where he made his home for the next twenty-six years. He moved to Des Moines with his family in 1901, residing there continuously since. He was married March 27, 1879 to Etta Bradfield, the daughter of a Christian minister, also a pioneer of northwest Iowa. He resided on a farm in Buena Vista county and later moved to Alta where he engaged in mercantile business and in banking. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of Plymouth Congregational church, Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. Saberson had celebrated the sixty-fourth anniversary of their marriage the day prior to his death, and he had attended the sessions of the Iowa Pioneer Law-makers Association the previous month.

A republican in politics, in 1891 he was elected to the Iowa General Assembly from Buena Vista county and served two terms as representative in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth sessions. Later he entered the Secretary of State's office, under the administration of Secretary W. C. Hayward, as superintendent of the corporations division, and put into operation the new securities law, serving in that capacity for twenty-six years.

CLARK HAZEN PARSONS, former Iowa educator, died in Los Angeles, California, on February 5, 1943. Born at Big Rock, Iowa, October 5, 1854, son of C. M. and Eliza Hazen Parsons, pioneers from Worthington, Mass., who had settled in Scott county in 1852. Educated in the public schools also Lennox college, Hopkinton, Iowa, he taught school in Iowa from 1875-1878. Married in 1888 to Florence Crosby of Williamsburg, Mass., who had been a teacher in Utah for a number of years. In business in Salt Lake City 1879-1895, active in church and civic affairs, charter member and promoter of Salt Lake City Y. M. C. A. Moved to Los Angeles, California, in 1897.

In the winter of 1900 with A. L. Hamilton and other former Iowans co-operating, called all Iowa people or tourists in Southern California to gather on Raymond Hill, midway between Pasadena and Los Angeles for an Iowa picnic celebration, the first of the great gatherings which afterwards became known as the Iowa Association of Southern California. Other state groups fell into line until there were twenty-eight state organizations following the example of Iowa people. The Federation of State Societies with a central office and Mr. Parsons as executive secretary became a real factor in California life. Mr. Parsons was a charter member of the Century club in Pasadena, a republican and a member of Trinity Methodist church.

FRANK ORREN LOWDEN, former governor of Illinois, lawyer and educator, died at Oregon, Illinois, March 20, 1943. Born at Sunrise City, Minnesota, January 26, 1861, his early and formative years were spent in Iowa, first as a boy in Hardin county, then graduating from the State University. He married Florence Pullman, April 29, 1896. He practiced law in Chicago and was a professor of law at Northwestern University. He received numer-

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